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Dear Sirs;

I have been a computer user for many years. I owned one of the first IBM-PC produced and have continually upgraded. I remember the days when competing Operating Systems were available and I am glad those days are gone. It was a nightmare having software that would work under one operating system but not another. I know monopolies in general are undesirable but in the case of computer operating systems they are much better than the alternative. I also do not have any problem with "bundling" of the internet browser. For many years I used Netscape as my preferred browser even when Internet Explorer was the default browser installed with the Microsoft operating system. I have now switched to Internet Explorer simply because it is now better than Netscape, but I would still be running Netscape if it were superior.

I think it is time to lay-off of Microsoft, I believe that most people feel as I do that in general we are much better off with Microsoft as is rather that broken-up or otherwise handicapped. I have found that most Microsoft products are superior to competing products> Why can the public not be able to use such superior products.

I am not a Microsoft employee but a individual public citizen.

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